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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/805,042	Applicant(s) KUMAR, SAKET	
	Examiner Frantz B. Jean	Art Unit 2154	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 March 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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This office action is in response to applicant's arguments filed on 03/07/08. Claims 1-28 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21 (2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lamkin et al. hereinafter Lamkin US pup 2006/0159109.

As per claim 1, Lamkin teaches a method of locally storing content available from one or more remote source devices within a network of devices (fig 1) comprising: identifying and selecting content from a remote source device (0048, 0051 and 0056); requesting a transfer of the content from the remote source device (0049-0052); storing the content received from the remote source device within a local media cache thereby forming a

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local content copy (0051-0054); providing the local content copy for playback and transfer to a portable device (0049); and receiving user defined preferences and criteria of content to be selected (0056); wherein identifying and selecting content is performed automatically based on the user-defined preferences and criteria (0056-0059).

As per claim 2, Lamkin teaches a method as claimed in claim 1 wherein a user is involved in identifying and selecting content from a remote source device (0048, 0056).

As per claim 3, Lamkin teaches a method as claimed in claim 1 wherein identifying and selecting content is performed periodically based on the user defined preferences and criteria (0048 and 0056).

As per claim 4, Lamkin teaches a method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising storing metadata information regarding the content received from the remote source device in a database corresponding to the content (0059).

As per claim 5, Lamkin teaches a method as claimed in claim 4 wherein the metadata information is obtained from the source device of the content (0056-0059).

As per claim 6, Lamkin teaches a method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the network of devices includes devices that are UPnP enabled (0054, 0056).

As per claims 7-28, they are apparatus and system of the method claims 1-6. Therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 03/07/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argued that Lamkin reference is not prior art to the application.

Examiner respectfully submits that Lamkin has a provisional application dated December 19 2003, which is before the filing date of the application (see 60/531,565).

The provisional application is in the same field of endeavor with the present application, which is media content. Furthermore, non-provisional application provides material and languages in the specification that are relevant to the present application (see 60/531,565). Although the examiner did not use the non-provisional application to formulate the rejection, however, due to some pertinent references that are very close in similarity in regard to Lamkin "109" and non-provisional "565" examiner has used Lamkin in the previous office action. If applicant would like to discuss this matter a little bit further, applicant can call the examiner to schedule an interview. Accordingly, the rejection is maintained.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantz B. Jean whose telephone number is 571-272-3937. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-6:00 M-f.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J. Flynn can be reached on 571-272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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